

ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY, MALDON LINKED WITH ST CUTHBERT, BURNHAM ON CROUCH



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All masses at Maldon are livestreamed through https://www.churchservices.tv/maldon					
18	Sat	9am	Mass	Michael & Alice Russell RIP	
		4pm	Confession	~	
		5pm	Mass	Amelia Hughes RIP	Laetare Sunday
19	Sun	9am	Mass	Joe Nazareth RIP	4th SUNDAY IN LENT
20	Mon	7pm	Holy Hour	~	St Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary
21	Tue	9:30am	Mass	Peter Bolger RIP	
22	Wed	9:30am	Mass	Joyce Iliffe RIP	
23	Thu	No Mass	~	~	
24	Fri	11am	Holy Hour	~	
		12pm	Mass	Ints. of Des & Eileen Rowan	
		7pm	Stations	~	
25	Sat	9am	Mass	Mara & Reeves Family RIP	THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD
		4pm	Confession	~	
		5pm	Vigil Mass	Amelia Hughes RIP	
26	Sun	9am	Mass	People of the Parish	5th SUNDAY IN LENT

SAINT CUTHBERT, BURNHAM ON CROUCH					
19	Sun	11am	Confession	~	
	Sun	11:30am	Mass	People of the Parish (Rita & Alessandro Rio Golden Wedding)	4th SUNDAY IN LENT
23	Thu	10am	Mass		
26	Sun	11am	Confession	~	
		11:30am	Mass	Hugh Bourn & Monica Parsons RIP	5th SUNDAY IN LENT

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The Season of Lent is a time for turning again to the practice of our faith - in prayer, self-denial (fasting) and practical generosity (almsgiving).

Lenten Reconciliation Service 7pm Monday 27th March Beginning with Adoration and confession from 7:30pm

Stations of the Cross will take place every Friday throughout Lent at 7pm

Lenten Lunches after Friday midday mass in the hall. No need to book, just turn up. Soup, bread, cheese, fruit, tea or coffee, all guests are requested to make a donation.

Walk with Me Lenten booklets are available at the back of the church priced at £1, providing prayer & scripture for your journey through the Lenten season

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Please pray for our sick: Barry Lloyd, Emily Wheeler, Ann Williams, Becci Hull, Lottie Tustain, Linda Jordon-Thomas, Catherine Hart, Tommy Cooper, Anne Kennelly, Alan Colquhoun, Oliver Cliff, Bernadette Bacon, Martin Doherty (Digit), Mary Dover, Mary McSweeney-Oliveira, Sharon Tappin, John

Goold Please pray for the repose of the soul of Angela Johnson & Claude Greer who died recently. May their souls rest in peace. We remember their families & loved ones in their sorrow. Angela's body will be received into St Cuthbert church at 4pm Wednesday 12th April with funeral mass at 10:30am on Thursday 13th April.

Second Collection NEXT weekend 19th March is for Easter Flowers

OFFERTORY DONATIONS	MALDON	BURNHAM	
12 th March	£371	£200.46	<i>thank you</i>
February Standing orders	£1862.5		

New Offertory Envelope boxes are available to collect at the back of the church for those in the Parish giftaid scheme labelled with your surname and NEW envelope number for use from April

Children's Liturgy this Sunday 19th March at the morning masses
Cuppa and Chat on alternate Mondays 2:30-4pm, next session Monday 27th March
Widows & widowers Group in Maldon church hall Tuesdays at 10am.

Wednesday Coffee Break All are welcome, each Wednesday morning at 10.30 am, following the Rosary after morning mass.
Lenten Lunches in the Parish Hall at Maldon after Friday midday Mass. Proceeds to "Mary's Meals"

The Bishops' Conference has also released a statement on the Illegal Migration Bill. The statement calls on the Catholic community to write to their MP to oppose this "cruel and unworkable Bill". <https://www.csan.org.uk/news/csan-statement-on-the-illegal-migration-bill/> . **Gidea Park Talk on the Holy Eucharist:** On Wednesday 22nd March at 7pm in the church hall at Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park, Fr Adrian Graffy, parish priest and Member of the Pope's Biblical Commission, will speak about the Eucharist. The talk, entitled Do this in memory of me, will examine the New Testament material, and trace the understanding of the Eucharist through the centuries, including the latest teaching of Pope Francis. This talk is in person, and can also be followed live stream by going to www.whatgoodnews.org

SJOG Homes for Ukraine Webinar for Sponsors A webinar for UK residents interested in hosting a Ukrainian guest or family under the Homes for Ukraine scheme on Wednesday, March 29, at 7 pm. You can find more details about the event here: <https://fb.me/e/N9EtGqhe>

www.whatgoodnews.org

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham Saturday 27th May 2023: Join Bishop Alan and other parishes around the Diocese of Brentwood in Walsingham. We will celebrate Mass at the Basilica before walking the Holy Mile to the grounds of Walsingham Abbey to celebrate Vespers and Benediction on the site of the Holy House. If you are interested, please contact the parish office. **Repository** The Team has been working hard to provide new Cards & Gifts for Spring 2023 Mother's Day & Easter Sunday all available now at the back of the church.

<https://fb.me/e/N9EtGqhe>

Parish Register: If you are new to the Parish or simply haven't got round to registering yet, registration forms can be found in the church porch- ask a welcomer to direct you. You can also download a form from our website or email the parish office for a copy.

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HOLY WEEK 2023

PALM SUNDAY
 Sat 5.00pm Vigil Mass Maldon
 Sun 9.00am Mass Maldon
 Sun 11.30am Mass Burnham

WEDNESDAY
 11.00am Chrism Mass
 Brentwood Cathedral

MAUNDY THURSDAY
 8.00pm Mass of The Last Supper Maldon

GOOD FRIDAY
 10.00am Walk of Witness from Assumption of Our Lady Maldon
 10.00am Stations of the Cross Burnham
 12noon Children's Stations of the Cross Maldon
 3.00pm Passion of Our Lord Maldon

HOLY SATURDAY
 10.00am Office of Readings Maldon
 12.30pm Traditional Blessing of food for the Polish community Maldon
 8.30pm Easter Vigil Mass Maldon

EASTER SUNDAY
 9.00am Mass Maldon
 11.30am Mass Burnham



Broomfield Hospital Chaplain available 24/7 If you need a priest to visit a family member in Broomfield Hospital, please contact the Hospital Chaplaincy on 01245 515244 (24 hr answerphone) Email: mse.broomfieldchaplains@nhs.net If the need for a Chaplain is urgent contact the Hospital Switchboard on 01245 362000 and ask for the On Call Chaplain, stating patient's name & ward. **Parish Office Hours** are Monday, Wednesday & Friday 10-2pm. Phone: 01621 852259 Email: maldon@dioceseofbrentwood.org

Baptism please speak with Fr. James or contact the office for an appointment.

Home Visits Please contact the parish office to arrange visits to the sick, communion & house blessings

Email newsletter If you wish to receive an email each week with a copy of the Parish Newsletter, please contact the parish office maldon@dioceseofbrentwood.org

WANTED we are always on the lookout for **Singers and Musicians of all ages** to join our choir and develop our musical participation in the church, contact Janet Crofton 07508539484.


Altar servers, Readers, Welcomers & Ushers those who would like to be involved in these valuable ministries will be most welcome. Please speak with Fr James or contact the parish office.


Want to be involved? Volunteer Church Cleaners, Gardeners are always needed to join our small group of volunteers. Please contact the parish office who can direct your enquiries.

Offertory Donations You are encouraged to consider donating through standing order; mandates are available in the church porch or through the office. Contactless options are possible through the parish website or by scanning QR donation codes displayed in church. Boost your donation by 25p of Gift Aid for every £1 you donate. Gift Aid can be applied to all of your donations, whether regular or occasional, and you can stop, start or vary what you pay whenever you decide. If you are a UK taxpayer, you are eligible to join the Gift Aid Scheme. However, you must tell the parish office if you stop paying enough tax.

CHURCH DONATION OPTIONS

- **Standing Order or One-Off Payments** through your bank or alternatively contact the parish office who will send you a mandate to complete & return to your bank (not parish office) Please use the relevant reference Offertory Donation, mass stipend etc
 Account Name: Catholic Church Maldon Assumption of Our Lady
 Sort code 40-13-22 Account No:51020684
 Account Name: Catholic Church Burnham on Crouch Saint Cuthbert
 Sort Code 40-13-22 Account No:11017713
- **Secure Online Donation** for each parish can be accessed either through the Parish website (using links below) or by scanning the QR codes displayed in church. Select the fund to which you wish to donate & choose from the options: General Offertory, Easter or Other (a small fee is charged to the parish for this service):
 Maldon <https://stream.seccomgroup.com/donations/aolm>
 Burnham: <https://stream.seccomgroup.com/donations/dobsc>
- **Offertory Collection Church** The collection bags are passed around during the services for general offertory. If a second collection is advertised, a labelled basket can also be found in the porch.
- **Post** your donation or giftaid offertory envelope or mass intention through the presbytery door at 60A Victoria Road.

 **Livestreaming:** All weekday & weekend Maldon masses are available to view through <https://www.churchservices.tv/maldon> or directly through the orange button on our website at www.mandbcc.org. It is important to note that Sunday & Feast Day services are recorded and can be viewed online for up to 30 days before being deleted. However, exceptions may apply and recordings could last up to 90 days if required by the parish.

 **Migrants and refugees are human beings, not just statistics says Bishop.** In 2023, people making dangerous journeys across the Channel to reach the UK are called by various names: 'refugees', 'asylum seekers', 'migrants', and often by more derogatory terms.

Love the Stranger is a new publication by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, Department for International Affairs that articulates our Christian duty to look beyond such labels and see the person who has left their homeland in search of a better life. You can download the document here: cbcew.org.uk/love-the-stranger

Bishop Paul McAleenan, Lead Bishop for Migrants and Refugees for the Bishops' Conference, emphasises the need to uphold their innate human dignity: "Our starting point as a society must be to recognise migrants and refugees as people. We need to understand their stories, their reasons for leaving their homelands and hopes for building a future here.

"We should never view people arriving from elsewhere as a political problem to be solved, but rather as brothers and sisters who we have a responsibility towards, and who greatly enrich our communities.

"People are driven to leave their countries, sometimes making dangerous journeys or risking exploitation, because of conflict, poverty, oppression, or lack of opportunities. Looking beyond our own borders, we have a duty to help people flourish in their homelands, as well as welcoming those who leave in search of a better life."

Cardinal Vincent Nichols, President of the Bishops' Conference, welcomed the publication: "Love the Stranger draws together more than one hundred years of Catholic teaching to guide our response to migration in England and Wales today. While it does not propose detailed solutions to complex problems, it clearly calls for procedures which permit safe and controlled access and a fair hearing to those seeking asylum. Present arrangements in this country are dramatically lacking in both of these requirements."

Vatican endorsement: Father Fabio Baggio CS, the Undersecretary of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, praised Love the Stranger's rich review of, and reflection on, Catholic social teaching: "The text promotes an authentic culture of encounter at all levels and among all the actors involved. As we live in times in which the defence of the dignity of each human person may seem under threat, Love the Stranger invites us to not give up on the opportunity to live our catholicity ever more fully, to build more just and equal societies for the benefit of each and every person, and to be open to the contribution that strangers can offer as we care for their integral human development and ours."

Protection of migrants and refugees is a shared goal: Fr Manuel Barrios Prieto, the Secretary General of COMECE (Commission of Catholic Episcopal Conferences of the European Union) welcomes the publication as an important step forward towards the promotion and protection of migrants: "This advocacy document on the Catholic response to migrants and refugees is a timely reference and guidance in our polarised European societies. It offers sound orientations on migration and asylum not only for Catholics but for any person of good who considers human dignity as the basis for harmonious social coexistence. It is not a mere compilation of principles of the Social Doctrine of the Church on the matter, but a reflection on how these principles should be applied to the current challenges faced by our states and societies."

Christine Allen, Director of CAFOD, the official aid agency of the Catholic Church in England and Wales, stresses that people have a right to flourish in their homelands:

"People around the world continue to be tormented by conflict, which drives them from their homes as they seek safety. Communities are also losing their homes and their livelihoods to a climate crisis they did not cause.

"Working toward peace and tackling the climate crisis are the defining challenges of our time and we must show solidarity to those in need. The UK government can rise to these shared global challenges by reversing the counter-productive cuts to the aid budget, and prioritising countries impacted by conflict and climate change.

"Failure to act will mean people around the world continue to see their lives turned upside down and their homes destroyed by conflict and climate change."

Notes: This is a publication of the Department for International Affairs of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales.

· Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster, is President of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. He is also President of the Santa Marta Group, the Church's response to the evils of human trafficking and modern slavery.

· Bishop Declan Lang, Bishop of Clifton, is the Chair of the Department for International Affairs.

· Bishop Paul McAleenan is the Lead Bishop for Migrants and Refugees for the Bishops' Conference. He is an auxiliary Bishop for the Diocese of Westminster.

Contact: You can contact the Bishops' Conference COMMS team on 020 7901 or email:

communications@cbcew.org.uk

The Catholic Union: Religion in the workplace survey "A new inquiry has been launched by the UK Parliament's Joint Committee on Human Rights into human rights at work and we need your help to respond. We would be very grateful if you could spare a few moments of your time to complete our survey on religion in the workplace. The responses will form the basis of our written evidence to the inquiry. If you have had a positive or negative experience of faith at work, we want to hear from you." Nigel Parker, Director of The Catholic Union

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc55yWiNpkibD2g9SstyNHJHm4NPcUBmGOUunnNPo9paGs7-1Q/viewform> Closing date March 20th

New Publication on Bishop Ward An Empurpled Son of Freshwater: Bernard Ward, First Bishop of Brentwood by Paul Severn, a booklet published by the Isle of Wight Catholic History Society to mark the Centenary of the Catholic Parish of Totland Bay, Isle of Wight. The Ward family was prominent on the island and this booklet (22 pages, illustrated) tells the story of Rt. Rev. Bernard Ward, the prominent historian, educationalist and the first Bishop of Brentwood. Further details are available from Peter Clarke, 72 Mayfield Road, Ryde, Isle of Wight PO33 3PR e-mail: iow-chs@outlook.com

The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is inviting parishioners across the Diocese to join in with their annual 'Relay 100' community event this May and June. This initiative is an opportunity to remind our community about the work we do, to reach families who may need our support and to raise some funds through sponsored walks, runs or cycles. We are looking for 100 individuals or groups to complete a 'leg' of our relay around the diocese; we have routes of varying distances so there is something to suit all abilities. Can you help us? To find out more, please contact Damian Dillon: ddillon@bccs.org.uk / 07912 308000 or visit <https://www.bccs.org.uk/get-involved/events/> and click on 'Relay 100 Sponsored Walks' to read more about this event.

Jenny Baker to Speak at Adore Retreat Morning Jenny Baker, well-known in many parishes around the country for her friendly CaFe faith development videos, will be the guest speaker at this month's "ADoRE" mini-retreat morning for spiritual renewal. This is the latest part of the Zoom course to inspire Parish Evangelisation: "Proclaim the Good News - we are called to be Missionary Disciples" which is running until November, usually on the fourth Saturday of each month.

This month's "ADoRE" session is on 25 March 10.00-1.00 and has the theme "I am the vine, you are the branches," focussing on how we can go deeper in our relationship with Jesus, in order to be involved with his mission. Participants should register in advance for the Zoom meeting at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/91234567890>

Thresholds of Hope Lent Lecture 2023: "The pain, passion and privilege of supporting Christians who are suffering persecution" given by the Baroness Caroline Cox is now available to watch on the Thresholds of Hope YouTube page <https://youtu.be/Ohb5G1aYdtc> Please subscribe.

The Canonesses of the Holy Sepulchre invite you to join them for a talk by Bishop Guli Francis-Dehqani (Bishop of Chelmsford) entitled 'Listening to God' - an in-person event being held at New Hall School on Tuesday 21 March at 6.30 - 7.30pm. All welcome. Refreshments from 6pm. For details and to reserve your place please go to: <https://canonesses.co.uk/event/do-you-hear-what-i-hear-listening-to-god/> Alternatively, you can call 07762-965947 to reserve a place.

The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a Divine Mercy Lenten Retreat on Saturday 25 March 2023 from 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm at St Mary Mother of God, 213 Hornchurch Road, Hornchurch, Essex RM12 4TF. The Retreat will include teachings on the Message of Mercy, Stations of the Cross, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All Welcome. Please call Millie on 07957594646 for more information

'The Priests' Charity Concert: Brentwood Catholic Children's Society are delighted to announce that the Northern Irish classical singing trio 'The Priests' have agreed to hold a second charity concert for us on Friday 30th June 2023 at the Brentwood Cathedral at 7.30pm. All tickets can be purchased directly through Eventbrite and are £30 per person plus booking fee:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/528414691567> We expect this to be a sell-out event and would urge you to book early in order to avoid disappointment. Full details are available on our website: www.bccs.org.uk/get-involved/events/

Lent Mass Readings All the readings for the Masses of Lent, with a short commentary by Fr Adrian Graffy, can be found on www.whatgoodnews.org Click on 'Scripture Readings' and then 'Lent Readings'.

Turkey-Syria Earthquake Appeal - CAFOD is responding with support of provision of food, water, shelter, medical assistance and winter kits for survivors. Your donations in recent months have made that quick response possible. Let us join CAFOD in praying for our sisters and brothers affected by the earthquakes and the winter weather. Your support for CAFOD throughout the year allows our Catholic agency to act quickly when disasters strike. For more details visit CAFOD's Turkey Syria Earthquake Appeal online at <https://cafod.org.uk/give> .

Caritas have a webpage dedicated to ways that people can help, through prayer and financial donations. All information is at: www.caritasbrentwood.org/news/earthquakes

Could you be a volunteer for the refugee charity Calais Light? We're recruiting NEW volunteers to support refugees in two N.Essex bridging hotels. Volunteer activities are open to anyone from chatting with refugees to playing board games, going for local walks, teaching English (spoken & written) and orienting them to life in the UK. Volunteers can help weekly or fortnightly, to find out more please contact the Lead Volunteer, John Bradley at: johnbradley9255@gmail.com

If you are able to support financially, please donate via the website www.calaislight.com

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2023: Join Bishop Alan in Lourdes from Monday 24 to Saturday 29 July. We can support those with medical needs. For further information, please telephone Tangey Tours on 01732 886 666 or book online: <https://www.tangney-tours.com/pilgrimages/lourdes/brentwood-lourdes>

Embark on a Luxury, All-Inclusive Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, 5th – 12th September 2023, with All Saints Travel Ltd and Fr John Moloney. Be face to face with the world of Jesus and His Gospel, lived out before your eyes. The beautiful, tried and tested 8-day itinerary promises to bring the faithful pilgrim an unforgettable and life-changing experience. This pilgrimage will include a non-stop return flight from the UK to Tel Aviv with Israel's national airline, EL AL (in-flight meals included), all meals (breakfast, lunch and dinner every day), an executive touring coach, a professional local Christian guide, all entrance fees, all tips and gratuities (paid directly to the guide, driver and hotel staff), as well as luxurious 5* en-suite accommodation. You will stay at a 5-star hotel in Jerusalem for 4 nights and in a 5-star hotel set on the Sea of Galilee with stunning views and private beach access for 3 nights. Full details are online <https://www.allsaintstravel.co.uk/HL0756/>

Caritas Diocese of Brentwood is inviting people from the night of March 31st 2023 (9pm) to the morning of April 1st (8:30am), to join this year's **Sponsored Sleepout** in one of our four locations; Colchester, Forest Gate, Romford and Southend. The sleepout will help to raise awareness and money to help our local homeless charities and the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service. All information can be found at www.caritasbrentwood.org/sleepout and to register please email sleepout@dioceseofbrentwood.org

If you are affected by the **Cost of Living** crisis, or if you are part of a group that is offering help and support locally, please look at <https://www.caritasbrentwood.org/cost-of-living/> You can add to this webpage by contacting the Director of Caritas Diocese of Brentwood, Siân Thomas-Cullinan on caritas@dioceseofbrentwood.org

We have a regularly updated webpage dedicated to ways that people can help **Ukrainian people** – through prayer, financial donations, and donations of food, medical supplies and clothing and all the information is at: www.caritasbrentwood.org/ukraine

Caritas also have a webpage dedicated **Turkey/Syria Earthquake** for ways that people can help, through prayer and financial donations www.caritasbrentwood.org/news/earthquakes

Marriage Care Counsellor Role and Training: Marriage Care are delighted to announce the launch of our Certificate in Relationship Counselling (CRC) training for 2023. This is an opportunity for those with the right skills to train and volunteer with us as relationship counsellors even if they do not have any previous counselling experience or qualifications. The CRC course will train and equip selected volunteers to safely and effectively counsel couples. They will then be able to join one of our local centres and support our mission to provide donation-based counselling services to those in need – volunteering just two sessions a week that will make a huge difference to couples and families. National selection events will take place in February and the course will begin on the 31st March. Full information about the CRC can be found on our webpage: www.marriagecare.org.uk/crc

Beginning Experience Weekend If you have suffered a divorce, separation or the death of your spouse, a residential weekend to help you to heal will be held from 21st-23rd April 2023 at the Sion Community, Brentwood, Essex. If you would like more details, please ring Freda 01322-838415 or Maura 07795-498445 or email besouthofengland@gmail.com.

Caritas Social Action Network, in partnership with St John of God Hospitaller Services, an international Catholic charity with many services for the vulnerable in the UK and Ireland, is

matching Ukrainian people displaced by war with people in the Catholic community, willing to host them in their homes for six months. If you have room in your home and heart to consider welcoming a stranger, then we'd love to hear from you. For more information on the project

- Website: <https://sjog-homesforukraine.uk/>
- E-mail: homesforukraine@sjog.org.uk
- Facebook page: [facebook.com/sjoghomesforukraine](https://www.facebook.com/sjoghomesforukraine)

BCYS News

- ***Lenten Revision Retreat 25th -26th March 2023***

Fed up with the library or revising in your room?

Get a change of scenery at Walsingham House at Abbotswick this Lent to enjoy the beautiful surroundings and some peace and quiet.

- Reflect during times of prayer
- Enjoy socialising with friends and the team
- Revise alongside friends and the Walsingham House team members.
- Use the chapel for times of quiet reflection

All for just £35! Open to all in years 11 - 13

Visit www.bcys.net for more information and to apply

- ***BCYS Summer Lourdes Pilgrimage, 23rd July - 30th July***

Travel alongside the main Diocesan pilgrimage to assist the elderly and infirm, as well as joining them for social time, retreat, reconciliation, the baths, a trip to the stunning mountain town of Gavarnie, social nights and party as well as experiencing the Lourdes Torchlight Procession and Blessed Sacrament Procession. Open to all those in school year 10 and above. For all information and to apply, visit our website www.bcys.net/events/sl23 - Applications open until the end of January!

Retrouvaille: A Programme for Couples Struggling in their Marriages

Help Your Marriage - Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse?

Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples who have difficulties in their marriage. It brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriage. Tens of thousands of couples headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending and using the tools provided. The programme helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. It helps them through difficult times whether they are disillusioned or in deep misery. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for the next programme commencing with a Face to Face weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 24 - 26 February 2023, or a Virtual weekend on 6 - 9 July 2023, call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443 or email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com - or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

Bishop Alan has written to parishes asking for their support of the **Ukrainian Emergency Winter Appeal** Funds can be remitted to: Account Name: Ukrainian Catholic Church Central Fund
Account Number: 20927317 Sort Code: 20-92-60

Or by cheques made payable to Ukrainian Catholic Church referencing Winter Appeal in both cases. The address for cheques is Ukrainian Catholic Church in Great Britain, 22 Binney Street, London, W1K 5BQ.

Poverty Challenge: See, Judge, Act Following the pandemic, many households now also face new hardships as prices rise. Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN) the Catholic agency addressing poverty and injustice in England and Wales, has released a free new booklet to increase awareness of Catholic Social Teaching on poverty, and to inform local responses. Please take a moment to read & encourage groups & individuals to engage with it. Download from www.csan.org.uk



Prayer for Vocations

Lord Jesus Christ,
You have chosen the Apostles and their successors, the Bishops
and Priests of the Catholic Church, to preach the true faith
throughout the whole world. We earnestly beseech You to
choose from among us in this parish, Priests and Religious who
will gladly spend their entire lives to make You better known and loved.
Sacred Heart of Jesus have mercy on us.
Immaculate Heart of Mary pray for us.
St Joseph pray for us.
St John Vianney pray for us.

Spiritual Communion – Prayer of St Alphonsus

**I believe that you are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar.
I love you above all things
and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul.
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you
now and forever. Amen.**

Marriage and Family Life: For the revamped Diocesan Marriage and Family Life pages please go to:
<https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/departments/marriage-family-life/>

Includes information from organisations such as **Retrouvaille, Marriage Care and Smart Loving.**

An invitation from the National Justice and Peace Network

- Are you concerned about injustice in our world?
- Do you feel the need to take action and make your voice heard?
- Would you like support and encouragement?

If the answer is yes, then please look at what the National Justice and Peace Network (NJPN) has to offer. The National Justice and Peace Network is a grassroots body with Catholic roots, working with groups and individuals of all faiths and none, who share its aims and values. It is based in England and Wales. More details available from: <https://www.justice-and-peace.org.uk/>



If you or someone you know is vulnerable and has been a victim of fraud, please call Essex Police on 101.

Report fraud or attempted fraud by contacting Action Fraud at www.actionfraud.police.uk or call 0300 123 2040.

Vacancies

All Brentwood Diocesan Catholic School Vacancies (for which the Education Services Department are aware) are posted on the Diocesan website.

Please use this link address to view current vacancies.

<https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/departments/education/vacancies/school-vacancies/>

Class Teacher

St Alban's Catholic Primary School, Elm Park

Required from 1st September 2023. Salary: Main pay Scale. Full time hours per week.

St Alban's Primary School are looking to appoint an experienced or recently qualified teacher to join our school who is ambitious, dedicated, motivated to join our friendly and dedicated staff team. We are focused on the children being confident and curious learners and equipped to compete in an ever changing world.

Deadline for applications: **12:00 pm (noon) on Friday 31st April 2023.** We warmly welcome and encourage applicants to visit our school. Please contact the school office on contact@st-albans.havering.sch.uk to arrange. Further information is available from the school website:

<https://www.stalbansschool.net/>

HEADTEACHER

St Joseph the Worker Catholic Primary School, Hutton

Required for September 2023. Pay Range: Group Size 2 Fringe L13 - L19.

St Joseph The Worker Catholic Primary School is a popular, nurturing, and outstanding school whose Catholic ethos is at the heart of all that we do.

Following the impending retirement of our highly esteemed current Headteacher the Governors invite applications for a dedicated Headteacher from September 2023. Applications are invited from experienced, enthusiastic and suitably qualified, practising Catholic leaders to play a key role in building on the success of our friendly school. The successful applicant will work with governors to shape the strategic direction of the school, and will be responsible for the day-to-day leadership and management of the school, leading a team that strives together for the good of the pupils.

Prospective candidates are positively encouraged to visit our school. Please contact the School Business Manager to arrange this as soon as possible on 01277 227282 or email recruitment@st-josephworker.essex.sch.uk

Applications are invited from existing headteachers, deputy headteachers, assistant headteachers or senior leaders with appropriate experience. Full details of the post and application form are available on <https://www.st-josephworker.essex.sch.uk/recruitment/>

Deadline for applications: 12:00 pm (noon) on Wednesday 22nd March 2023

Part time Site Manager at The Immaculate Conception, Epping

The post will be part-time (6 hours per week - with a flexible working agreement to be agreed)

Please send your CV and cover letter by email to admin@eppingparish.plus.com

Full job description: <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/diocese/working-for-us/>

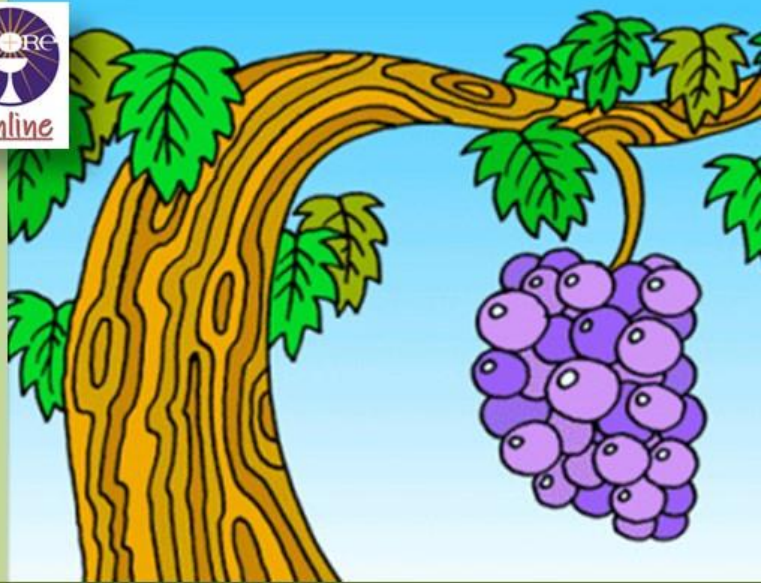
Closing date for applications: 20 March 2023

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